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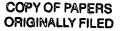
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## **ABSTRACT**

The present invention provides a method for preparing an ester of betulin[-] at the 3-[acetate]position, e.g., betulin-3-acetate, including [alcoholyzing]the selective alcoholysis of a betulin-3,28-[dibenzoate;]diester, e.g., betulin-3,28-diacetate; a [process]method for preparing betulin-3-acetate including[:] (1) acetylating betulin to provide betulin-3,28-[dibenzoate]diacetate and (2) the alcoholysis of[alcoholyzing] betulin\_3,28-[dibenzoate]diacetate to provide betulin-3-acetate; and a method [process] for preparing betulinic acid[:] (1) acetylating betulin to provide betulin\_3,28-[dibenzoate;]diacetate, (2) the alcoholysis of [alcoholyzing]betulin-3,28-[dibenzoate]diacetate to provide betulin-3-acetate[;], (3) oxidizing betulin-3-acetate to provide betulinic aldehyde-3-acetate[;], (4) oxidizing betulinic aldehyde-3acetate to provide betulinic acid-3-acetate[;], and (5) deprotecting betulinic acid-3-acetate to provide betulinic acid.





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